

QA-582
Hazelton—Green House
1221 Cox Neck Road
Chester vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed ca. 1900
Private

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Hazelton-Green House (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 1221 Cox Neck Road not for publication

city, town Chester, MD 21619-2233 X vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Augustine & William Green, et al

street and number 1221 Cox Neck Road telephone

city, town Chester state MD zip code 21619-2233

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County liber MWM 339 folio 798

city, town Centreville tax map 57 tax parcel 113 tax ID number 04-020537

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	2
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
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		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0
			Total
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Summary

The Hazelton-Green House is located at 1221 Cox Neck Road on Cox Neck, part of Kent Island in Queen Anne's County. It is located approximately one-and-a-half miles south of the village of Chester. Likely built circa 1900, it is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide, wood-frame I-house, with a rear ell on the south end. A one-story, shed-roofed addition fills the interior corner between the ell and the main block, on the north end. The house faces west, towards Cox Neck Road, and a one-story, wood-frame privy sits about 30 feet behind the house, to the east-northeast.

Description

The Hazelton-Green House occupies a level, grassy lot near the northeast corner of the intersection of Cox Neck Road and Riverside Drive. A gravel driveway lies to the south of the house, running from Cox Neck Road towards the house in a northeasterly direction. Mature trees and underbrush line the northern property line, and a few scattered plantings surround the house's foundation. A recently-built, one-story house sits close to the property line, just to the east of the gravel drive.

From the exterior, the main block of the house appears to have the center-hall plan typical of I-houses. The façade is symmetrically organized, with a one-story, three-bay, shed-roofed enclosed porch spanning the length of the façade. The main block has a side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles, with an interior-end, brick chimney at either end, and an exterior-end, brick flue at the back end of the rear ell. The house is clad with asbestos shingles, and features wood cornerboards. The foundation was not visible at the time of the survey. According to the owner, the house was moved from further down Cox Neck Road.

The Hazelton-Green House's centered entry is flanked by two-over-two, double-hung, wood windows with quarter-round, wood trim and block sills. The door and the first-story windows are sheltered by the enclosed front porch, which has metal windows and a metal storm door. The second-story fenestration comprises three, evenly-spaced, one-over-one, double-hung, vinyl, replacement windows. A boxed, unadorned, wood cornice with cornice returns marks the roofline.

The north elevation of the main block has no fenestration on the first or second stories; two, fixed, one-light windows are evenly spaced in the gable. Two windows pierce the upper story of the rear ell's north elevation; each contains one-over-one, vinyl, double-hung sash. The rear, one-story addition has a poured concrete flue attached to its north elevation; the poured concrete has been scored to appear to be blocks. The east (rear) elevation of both the ell and the rear addition are devoid of windows or doors. One, one-over-one, double-hung, vinyl window fills the second-story bay of the main block's east elevation.

The south elevation of the house displays three, one-over-one, vinyl, double-hung windows, one in the second-story easternmost bay of the main block, and two in the easternmost bay of the rear ell on the first and second stories. The window on the second story of the rear ell is not aligned with the window below it. The only original window remaining at the Hazelton-Green House is a two-over-one, double-hung, wood window that occupies the easternmost bay of the first story. A doorway fills the westernmost bay of the rear ell on the first floor; it holds a four-light-over-three-panel, wood door. Two windows fill the gable of the main block; they match the similarly-placed windows on the north gable.

Secondary Resources (buildings, sites, structures, objects)

The one-story, one-bay privy is clad in vertical wood boards, and has a shed roof sheathed in corrugated metal. It faces south, and has a one-leaf wood door hung with metal strap hinges. A rectangular vent opening is located above the door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates circa 1900; moved circa 1916

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary Statement of Significance

Built circa 1900 and moved to this lot in 1916 by Cox Neck merchants Philip and Lena Grollman, the Hazelton-Green House may include at least part of an older house that was originally located elsewhere. The house seems to have been built as a speculative venture, rather than as a home for the Grollmans. Since 1916, when the Grollmans sold the property, two successive families of African-American oystermen have owned and occupied the house. The house stands in the historically African-American maritime community of Coxes Neck.

Historical Narrative

In November 1915, Philip and Lena Grollman purchased a quarter acre of land on Cox Neck Road for \$26.00.¹ According to the 1910 federal census, Philip Grollman was born in Russia and ran a general store on Cox Neck.² The deed for the property on Cox Neck Road indicates that there were no buildings standing on the lot when the Grollmans bought it. Almost one year later, the Grollmans sold the same lot with a “new dwelling.”³

According to the current owner of the Hazelton-Green House, it was moved from a location further south on Cox Neck sometime before 1930.⁴ The move may have occurred in 1916, when the deed of sale indicates the completion of the house. Therefore, the dwelling may pre-date 1916; its architectural form and detailing are consistent with an earlier date of construction. Both the form and style of the Hazelton-Green House suggest a circa 1900 construction date; it is an I-house – a housing form commonly associated with the nineteenth century – and exhibits some Late Victorian stylistic elements.

By the beginning of the twentieth century, the area around the east side of Cox Neck Road and along Riverside Drive – which runs eastward from Cox Neck Road toward the western branch of Crab Alley and lies just south of the Hazelton-Green House – was a relatively densely populated community of African-American watermen and their families.⁵ Many of the county’s African-American communities formed in the 1860s and 1870s as newly free African Americans bought land to build their own churches, schools, and

¹ See attached Chain of Title for this and all subsequent deed references for this property.

² 1910 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, District No. 4 (Kent Island), Enumeration District No. 68, Sheet No. 14B.

³ Queen Anne’s County Land Records, Liber WFW 9, folio 362-363 (5 September 1916).

⁴ Conversation with Augustine Green, 19 April 2007. Green indicated that he has lived in the house for approximately seventy years and that the house was moved before he was born; Augustine Green does not appear in the enumeration of the Green family in the 1930 census, indicating that he was born after 1930. See 1930 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, District No. 4 (Kent Island), Enumeration District No. 8, Sheet No. 10B.

⁵ See also, QA-588, *Ellis and Beatrice White House*. Another African-American settlement was located further south along Cox Neck Road and Crab Alley Creek; see QA-601, *Watkins House*, and QA-602, *1458 Cox Neck Road*.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet 9-1..

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.25 acres
Acreage of historical setting 0.25 acres
Quadrangle name Kent Island

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 (7.5 minute)

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries shown on tax map 57, grid 19, parcel 113 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kathryn Gettings Smith and Gerald M. Maready, Jr., Architectural Historians		
organization	History Matters, LLC	date	December 21, 2007
street & number	1502 21 st Street, NW, 2 nd Floor	telephone	(202) 223-8845
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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homes. The settlement at Cox Neck Road and Riverside Drive was one of several African-American maritime communities that developed by the turn of the twentieth century.

Since 1916, African Americans have owned the Hazelton-Green House. In 1916, Arthur and Margaret Hazelton purchased the property from the Grollmans for \$450.00. In 1924, the Hazeltons sold the property to August and Jessie Roane Green for \$550.00. Like most residents of Coxes Neck, both Arthur Hazelton and August Green tonged for oysters.⁶

The community's position on Cox Neck between Crab Alley and Cox Creeks was convenient for oystermen.⁷ In the second half of the nineteenth century, the volume of commercial oystering and crabbing in the Chesapeake Bay region increased dramatically.⁸ Concomitant with the growing importance of commercial oystering and crabbing, oyster-shucking houses and seafood-packing factories were also established throughout the county. This commercial growth affected all of the areas along the rivers and creeks of Queen Anne's County, particularly those on Kent Island, and maritime communities thrived as a result. These industries frequently employed African-American workers. In addition, many African Americans owned their own boat and harvested oysters from the Bay, mainly using tongs.⁹ Despite dramatic declines in Chesapeake Bay oyster harvests in the 1890s, and again in the 1920s, large numbers of watermen continued to ply their trade in the waters of Queen Anne's County through the 1950s.¹⁰

August Green died in December 1970; in 1986, his widow, Jessie Roane Green, transferred ownership of the Hazelton-Green House to their children, Augustine Green and Mary Jessie Green. The Green family continues to own the property.

⁶ 1920 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County Maryland, District No. 4 (Kent Island), Enumeration District No. 78, Sheet 11A (Hazelton); 1930 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District No. 4 (Kent Island), Enumeration District No. 8, Sheet No. 10B (Green).

⁷ 1870 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District No. 4, Broad Creek, Page No. 24. "Other Blacks were oyster packers, insurance agents, blacksmiths, shopowners such as shoe repairing, cleaning establishments, and an owner of an ice cream parlor." Bertha Pulley, "Chester," *The Black Arts Festival of Queen Anne's County, Theme: "Black Horizons in Queen Anne's County,"* Program. (Centreville, Md.: Queen Anne's County Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 10 June 1978).

⁸ Robert J. Brugger, *Maryland: A Middle Temperament, 1634-1980* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988), p. 324.

⁹ Brugger, p. 324.

¹⁰ "Watermen, Harvesting the Bounty: Oysters," *The Mariners' Museum - Newport News, Virginia* (Newport News, Va.: The Mariners' Museum, 2004), accessed 16 November 2007, <<http://mariner.org/chesapeakebay/waterman/wat009.html>>. Information about the decline of oyster harvests in the 1890s and the 1920s can be found in Brugger, pp. 461-462, 786. Information about the continuing importance of the maritime industries can be found in Charles B. Clark, *The Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia* (New York, NY: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., Inc. 1950), pp. 870-873; and Donald G. Shomette, "Kent Narrows Timeline" [photocopy], Queen Anne's County Heritage Consortium, Chester, MD, 2004).

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Chain of Title

25 November 1989	Augustine & Mary Jessie Green to Augustine Green, Mary Jessie Green, William E. Green, Julia G. Pauls, Joseph Green and Vernetta E. Murray as joint tenants Liber MWM 339, folio 798-799 One-fourth acre East side of the public road leading down what is known as Coxes Neck; being the same land granted to Augustine Green & Mary Jessie Green by Jessie Roane Green (now deceased)
22 December 1986	Jessie Roane Green to Augustine Green (son) and Mary Jessie Green (daughter) Liber MWM 268, folio 195-196 One-fourth acre Jessie reserved a life estate; August Green Sr. died December 30, 1970.
5 June 1968	Thomas & Julia Pauls (wife) to August Green Sr. & Jessie Roane Green (wife) Liber CWC 35, folio 103 One-fourth acre
5 June 1968	August Green Sr. & Jessie Roane Green to Thomas Pauls & Julia Pauls (wife) Liber CWC 35, folio 101 One-fourth acre
8 February 1924	Arthur & Margaret Hazleton to August Green Liber BHT 1, folio 267 One-fourth acre
5 September 1916	Philip & Lena Grollman to Arthur Hazelton Liber WFW 9, folio 362-363 Convey a house & lot of land in Coxes Neck...on the east side of the public road leading down Coxes Neck...being a parcel of land of a triangular shape on which is now erected a new dwelling
13 November 1915	Wardell & Catherine Brown to Philip Grollman Liber WFW 8, folio 94 "triangular piece of land with no improvements thereon"
19 June 1914	Georgiana Henry & Carl F. Henry to Waddell Brown Liber WFW 6, folio 291 One-quarter acre

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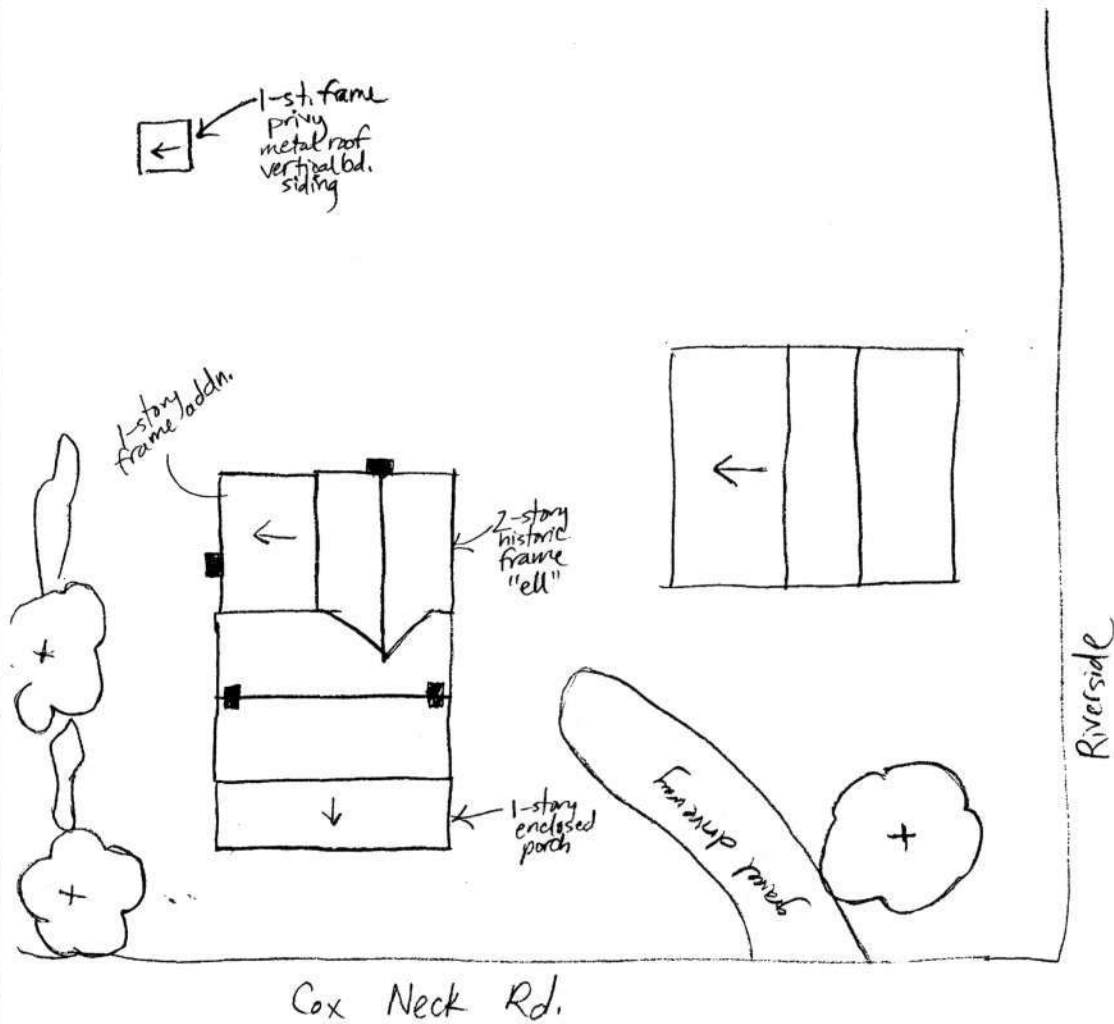
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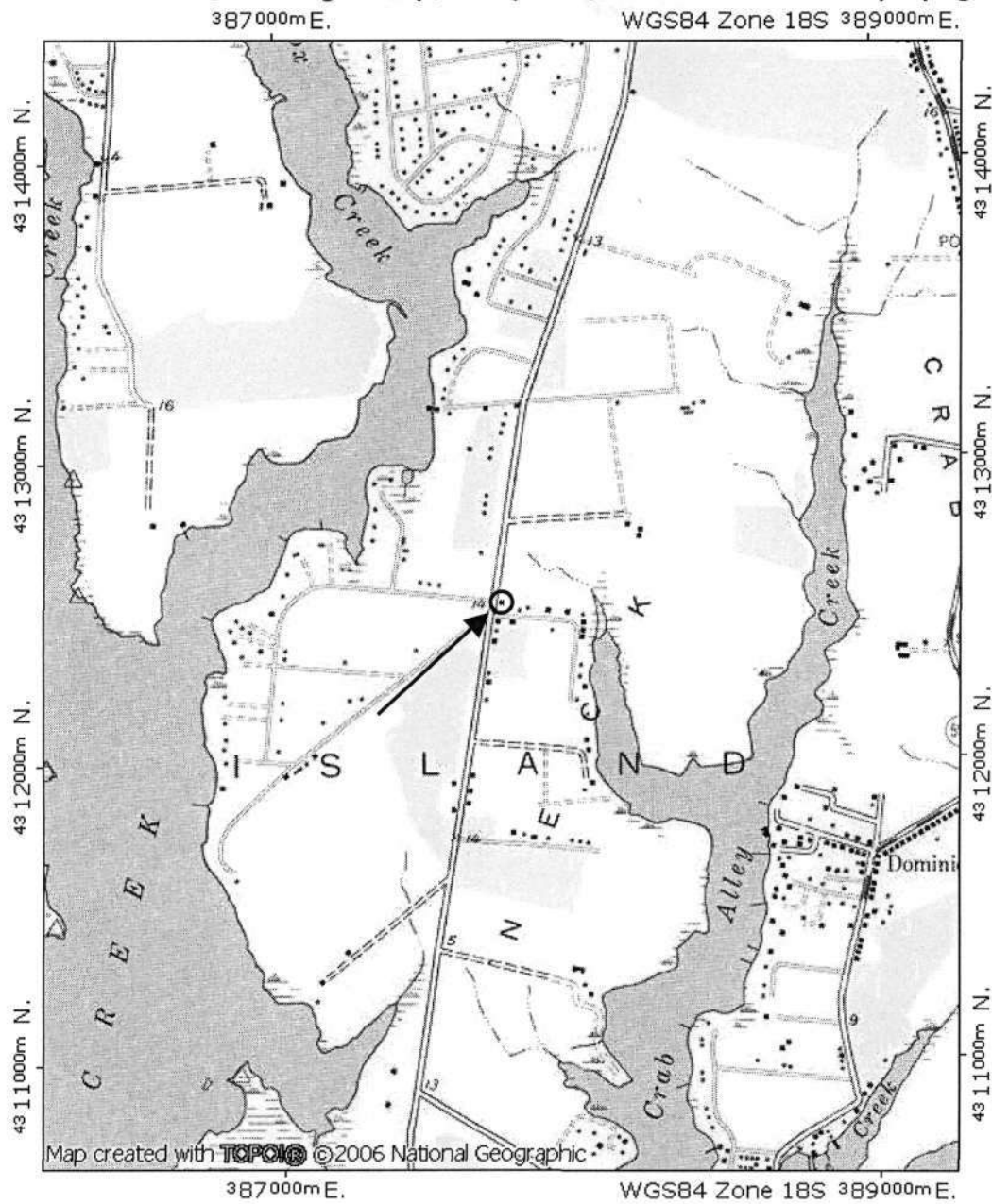
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Site Plan
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USGS Kent Island Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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